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SUBJECT: Captured Document Exploitation.

TO : The Commanding General, Army Service Forces, Washington.
Attention: The Director of Intelligence, Room 3 E 588,
Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C.

1. Exploitation of German documents in London has resulted in technical intelligence of considerable value. A strong liaison between the technical intelligence services and the document exploitation center has proved essential and mutually advantageous.

2. There has been established at Camp Ritchie an agency to exploit certain captured Japanese documents. Necessary centralization has been initiated by a directive to appropriate Army Theater Commanders. It is believed that Japanese documents will be found to contain considerable intelligence of value to ASF.

3. Intensive training of Japanese language personnel was started many months ago and is producing satisfactory results. In addition to the linguistic instruction now being received, the document research personnel will require some specialized instruction and support on technical intelligence subjects. Technical intelligence personnel will be required to assist with the evaluation process. It is estimated that two well qualified officers with some ability to instruct and who, between them, can cover all of the various aspects of technical intelligence pertaining to the ground and service forces will fill immediate requirements. Later depending on the amount of raw material received and the results therefrom, additional personnel may be required.

4. It is requested that you detail by 1 October 1944, two officers with the qualifications mentioned above for duty with the LID to assist in the exploitation of captured Japanese documents for technical intelligence. All results of such research will, of course, be made available to you.

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